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In Re the Application of:

JAMES MERCS, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/965,596

Filed: September 26, 2001

For: **Multi-Mode LED Indicators for Recording Devices**

Art Group: 2644

Examiner: Justin I. Michalski

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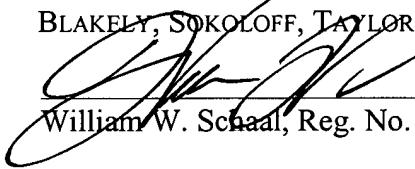
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1203	360	2203	180	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
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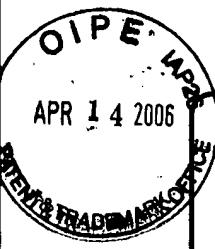
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